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Our 900th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, January 12, 1994
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Bismarck Hotel, 171 W. Randolph, Chicago
PROGRAM: Anniversary program by Carl Wolf. Wine and cheese reception. Plaquette dies available for inspection. Plaquette serial number drawing. Group photograph.

Message from the Editor

Not only do we have a new year, but January marks the 900th meeting of our organization. It's hard to imagine any voluntary organization managing to meet every month since 1919, particularly with no permanent meeting site, sponsor, or endowment. Fortunately, the club has always been blessed with members that have stuck it out through thick and thin, who have served as officers or in other capacities, who have given interesting exhibits or programs, and who have been more than willing to share what they know about numismatics with their fellow members.

Fittingly, the actual 900th meeting is being commemorated with a special program and reception for the heros of the organization--the members. If you can make it, we will be delighted to see you!

Officers

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1994 Programs

Our first vice president has come up with tentative schedule of speakers for 1994. If you have any suggestions to fill the gaps, please contact Steve Zitowsky.

Jan. 12: Carl Wolf on Medals and Memorabilia From 75+ Years

Feb. 9: Mark Wieclaw on Interesting & Historical Ancient Coins

Mar. 9: Saul B. Needleman on Spanish Colonial Coins: A Case of Mistaken Identity?

April 16: Meeting speaker TBA. Banquet speaker David Ganz

May 11: Ed Turner: Dealing with the Soviet Union for Numismatics

June 8: Bob Weinstein on Ancient Chinese Numismatics

July 13: Brian Stubbs, topic TBA

Aug. 10: Mike Metras on Coins and Pictures of Axum

Sept. 14: Harry X Boosel on Coins of Haiti

Oct. 12: TBA

Nov. 9: Member Benefit Auction

Dec. 14: Banquet, speaker TBA

Birthdays and Years Joined

Feb. 2	Tillie Boosel	Before 1960
Feb. 9	Steven G. Zitowsky	1991
Feb. 25	Walter Pershke	1968

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Simpson, Brian Stubbs, Martin Vink, John and Nancy Wilson, Steven Zitowsky

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December Meeting Minutes

The 899th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was started with a cocktail reception at 6:15 on December 8, 1993, at the Bismarck Hotel. Dinner started at 7:00 after a brief introduction by President Andrew Michyeta. The benediction was given by Charles Ricard.

Many past presidents were in attendance. They included William Pettit, Charles Ricard, Robert Leonard, Jr., Harry X Boosel, and Saul Needleman. Harry X recalled his 50 plus years with the CCC; Charlie Ricard gave a few words and recalled joining in 1962; Saul remembered being asked to give a history presentation to a group called "CCC," later he would help the club by getting a meeting room for it at Roosevelt University. Robert Leonard, Jr., recalled speaking to the CCC in 1976. He rejoined the club after moving back to the Chicago area in 1982 from New Jersey.

Our speaker was Saul Needleman, and his topic was English token coinage. He handed out illustrated material so his audience could follow along.

Vice President Steven Zitowsky presented the ANA education awards for all speakers in the current year. The Cabeen Award has three honorable mention winners: Harry Flower, Charlie Ricard, and Carl Wolf. Second place went to Robert Leonard, Jr., and first to Mark Wieclaw. Two bronze literary awards were presented: one to David Simpson and another to William Burd (paper on 1894-S dime). Two silver medals were awarded: one to Saul Needleman (Survey of English Token Coinage) and one to Robert Leonard, Jr., for his article on clam shell money.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Stubbs, Secretary/Treasurer

William Holm

William Holm passed away suddenly the evening of December 15, 1993, after a brief illness. He was 85 years of age.

In 1956, Mr. Holm became member 652 when he joined the Chicago Coin Club. His collecting interests varied, but he often discussed the Ottoman Empire coins he acquired while serving in north Aftrica during World War II. He will best be remembered for his fascination in the history of Adolph Hitler as reflected on coins and medals. Mr. Holm said many times that Hitler had taken 42 months out of his life and he was determined to learn everything he could about the man.

Over the last few years, Mr. Holm's collecting activities had slowed, but he attended as many meetings as possible and was one of the club's most enthusiastic supporters. He had recently attended the club's annual banquet on December 8. He was also a member of the Calumet Numismatic Club, the Morton Grove Coin Club, and was a member of the American Numismatic Association for 33 years.

Born August 7, 1908, and raised on Chicago's south side, Mr. Holm was a champion marathon swimmer in high school. He was employed by the Empire Railroad and during World War II was drafted into the Railroad Division, Santa Fe Battalion of the U.S. Army. For 42 months he served his country in north Africa, Italy, France, and Germany.

Mr. Holm was employed for over 20 years as an electrician at the University of Chicago and often took advantage of its world-renowned Regenstein Library to research coins and historical facts.

Visitation and funeral services were held at the Nelson Funeral Home, Ashland and Foster Avenues, and a number of club members were able to attend. His cremated remains were interred at the Evergreen Cemetary, 88th Street and Kedzie. Mr. Holm was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his long time companion and friend, Phyllis Johnson.

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Our 901st Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, February 9, 1994
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 2 North Riverside Plaza Building, Room 2315, Chicago
PROGRAM: Mark Wieclaw on Interesting and Historical Ancient Coins.
Note NEW MEETING LOCATION (more information below).

Message from the Editor

The CCC has a new home -- at least for the February and March meetings. **Please, do not go to the Bismarck Hotel.**

Where the heck is 2 North Riverside Plaza, anyway? I'm glad you asked. Carl Wolf has been kind enough to provide a detailed description:

"The 2 N. Riverside Building is the first building west of the Chicago River on the north side of Madison Street. The entrance on the east side is commonly used by Loop commuters on their way to and from Northwestern Train Station (500 W. Madison), which is connected to the building with a skywalk. Everyone must register at the guard desk located on the same level as the skywalk, then take the elevators to the 23rd floor. Room 2315 is right off the elevators."

For those of us who take the trains this is a convenient location. For those driving there is a large parking lot immediately west of the Northwestern Station. If you park there you can enter the station on Madison Street, take the elevators to the skywalk level, and walk east through the skywalk into the 2 N. Riverside building.

For those who need a place to sup before the meeting, there is a food court with about a dozen vendors on the street level of the station.

Come out and form an opinion about the new location.

January Meeting Minutes

Vice president Steven Zitowsky called the 900th meeting to order at 7:30. Wine and cheese for our 75th anniversary celebration was located in the rear of the meeting room. Twenty-three members were in attendance along with visitor Rich Hartzog, a former president.

A motion was introduced to 1) authorize $350 for a primitive money Tapa Cloth and 2) publication and research in conjunction with our meeting at the Chicago International Coin Fair. This passed by a majority of the membership.

It was announced that we are still looking for a new meeting site. As it stands we will probably meet at 2 N. Riverside until a permanent site can be found.

In honor of the 75th, Mark Wieclaw passed out a copper nickel rolled-out half dollar calendar for all members in attendance. Mark produced this piece himself!

Club archivist Joe Tomasko brought in older club medals for purchase by membership.

Carl Wolf gave a very nice talk on issues of the Chicago Numismatic Society and the Chicago Coin Club from 1919. Carl's material covered several tables!

Exhibitors were Charles Ricard (medal of the French National Order of Merit), Bill Grundy--just back from the Peace Corps (2 ancient Aryan coins), Harry Flower (Xmas tree on a Christmas card made from mutilated U.S. currency), Brian Stubbs (phone card from Singapore Telecom, 5 pounds paper currency from South Africa, 10 dollars currency from Namibia, 50 francs France new issue currency, and 5 million zaires, from Zaire), Phil Carrigan (U.S. mint letter), Mark Wieclaw (Chicago Coin Club 900th meeting elongated), Robert Leonard (5 gold ducats from Chios hoard, early 15th century--F. Foscari, Venice and Chiote imitation; Philip Maria Visconti, Chios and 2 imitations, Atlas of the Crusades).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Secretary Treasurer

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Birthdays and Years Joined

Mar. 7	Bruno Rzepka	Since 1968
Mar. 7	James R. Budd	Since 1964
Mar. 11	George Lill III	Since 1982
Mar. 14	Donald Srbeny	Since 1987
Mar. 16	Joseph T. Tomasko	Since 1984
Mar. 19	Charles J. Ricard	Since 1963
Mar. 20	Sidney Bick	Before 1960
Mar. 23	Eileen Peterson	Since 1982
Mar. 25	David Silberman, Jr.	Since 1971
Mar. 29	Nancy Wilson	Since 1984
Mar. 29	Arthur C. Allen	Since 1966
Mar. 31	Andrew Michyeta III	Since 1984

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Membership Renewals

Many of you have sent in your 1994 dues, or have paid at a meeting. Membership cards are not yet ready, but will probably go out with the next Chatter.

For the few of you who have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible. If you are not sure if you paid, Secretary/ Treasurer Brian Stubbs will be glad to let you know. Finally, if you will not be renewing, we would very much appreciate it if you could let us know.

75th Anniversary Donors

In the last month there have been several people who have contributed to the club's anniversary fund. Many thanks to all of you! Donations will be used to pay for the banquet program and for mementos and other optional banquet expenses. Levels are Contributor ($10 or more), Patron ($25 or more), and Benefactor ($100 or more).

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Plaquette Orders Pouring In

Orders for the club 75th anniversary medal are coming in at a good pace. As of early February, there are over 100 medals ordered. A final total will be available after the ordering deadline of February 28.

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Our 902nd Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, March 9, 1994
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 2 North Riverside Plaza Building, Room 2315, Chicago
PROGRAM: Saul B. Needleman on *Spanish Colonial Coins: A Case of Mistaken Identity?*

Message from the Editor

Despite cold weather (not exactly a surprise this winter) a number of members showed up to meet at our new location. I would say it is a little larger than the room we have used at the Bismarck Hotel. The new room is not rectangular, but is more "L" shaped. Ceiling height is adequate, and walls are white (good for showing slides, as we discovered at the meeting). There is even a view through the windows. All in all, a good choice, particularly at $30 rent.

I had no problem finding the building and room, but I am repeating the directions printed in the last issue. After this issue, you will be on your own!

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February Meeting Minutes

The 901st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on February 9. Meeting was held at 2 North Riverside Plaza. The January meeting minutes are to be corrected to show that Mark Wieclaw's elongated coins were for the 900th meeting, not the 75th anniversary.

We still have four spots open for speakers this year.

Carl Wolf gave a CICF giveaway update. Robert Leonard Jr. is writing the article about Tappa cloth.

Carl Wolf gave an update on the 75th anniversary. A motion was introduced on the floor to harden the dies. It was seconded by Mark Wieclaw and passed by a majority. The anniversary committee is working on a second press release (with more information) that will have David Simpson's name on it.

For the video tape project, Bob Weinstein is logging out what subjects are covered on tape. Saul Needleman is writing a script. Donn Pearlman will read the script.

Regarding the Janus medal (800th meeting) Carl suggested we order boxes to place them in. A motion was introduced to purchase 200 black boxes. We have 120 medals in stock. These will be boxed. The rest of the boxes will be sold at $1.00 each.

Regarding the banquet, Carl requested that you send your $40/person payment as soon as possible.

Regarding the 75th anniversary medal serial numbers, a log has been kept with the received date of all orders up until the cutoff of January 12, 1994. Names of those who ordered are placed on labels. Those who ordered multiple medals will have their names placed in the drawing multiple times. The drawing will be held shortly.

The new meeting room will cost the club $30 a month. Carl reported that the building was built in 1929 for the *Chicago Daily News*. A motion was introduced to make this the permanent meeting site of the Chicago Coin Club. It was passed with a majority.

Mark Wieclaw requested that people vote for Leroy J. Kazor in the upcoming CSNS election. The CCC will vote only for John Wilson, as its usual policy is to only vote for club members.

Exhibitors were Charles Ricard (2 franc and 10 franc notes of 1944 Vichy French government issues WW II), Mark Wieclaw (1989-1993 elongated convention badges), Harry Flower (tea kettle and pot with handle made from British pennies, 1899), Robert Leonard (two ring tokens from Neviot, Israeli Sinai

1971-1982, Polish coin counterstamped by Solidarity Trade Union), and David Simpson (WW I Victory Medal and James Earle Fraser art book).

Meeting adjourned.

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Birthdays and Years Joined

April 1	Charles J. Ryant, Jr.	Before 1960
April 12	Mark Wieclaw	Since 1992
April 15	Robert Leonard, Jr.	Since 1983
April 27	Don Valenziano, Jr.	Since 1982
April 30	Thomas J. Nolan	Before 1960

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Membership Cards and Receipts

If you are a paid-up regular or associate member and have not received your 1994 membership card, you will find it enclosed.

Also, for those club members who have ordered 75th anniversary club plaquettes, a receipt is enclosed. If you have any questions about your order, please contact the secretary/ treasurer prior to the April meeting and banquet, when the medals will be ready for pick up.

Anniversary News

Banquet Reservations Needed

The club's 75th anniversary banquet will take place in just over a month -- the evening of Saturday, April 16, 1994. Location is the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 E. North Water Street. The Sheraton is also hosting the Chicago International Coin Fair at that time.

While all plans are not finalized, the featured speaker will be David Ganz, president of the ANA. Club plaquettes will be available for pickup and the club video will be ready. There are sure to be interesting momentos issued for the occasion. The banquet will be preceded with a cash-bar reception.

Please send your reservations, and $40 per person, to the secretary/treasurer. Indicate sliced chicken breast or lemon sole entrees. If you are a former CCC president, your attendance (but not a spouse's) is free, but we need your reservation. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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Editor's Trial Strike

This is finally it: the month when we have our 75th anniversary banquet. Also this month the anniversary medals will be available for pickup. For more anniversary news, see the next page.

Things are falling into place nicely, and the numbers -- banquet ticket sales, medal sales, and the overall financial picture -- are looking quite good. It looks like April 16 will be one heck of a day for the club and its members.

With all this excitement, please don't neglect the afternoon meeting. The Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) meetings are usually our biggest of the year, helped, no doubt, by numismatic give-aways. This year it is Pacific Island bark cloth money.

March Meeting Minutes

The 902nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Drew Michyeta March 9 at 7:35. Meeting site was 2 North Riverside Plaza.

In the February meeting minutes published in the March *Chatter*, Mark Wieclaw should be listed as the speaker, with his topic being ancient coins. Also, red boxes were purchased rather than black, and "tappa" should be spelled "tapa."

In new business, J. Thomas Nolan suggested that the archives be searched for members who joined many years ago and that these dates be listed in the *Chatter*'s member listings.

Robert Leonard, Jr., reported the sale of one hard cover and one soft cover club book. There are only six hard cover books remaining in inventory.

Carl Wolf provided a 75th anniversary committee update. Banquet invitations are being mailed, but persons in attendance received their invitations at the meeting. A second press release is to be send to publications. The membership approved the donation of bronze medals for museums and the club archives. The price of medals will stay the same despite price increases from the mint. The video may be ready by the banquet. Carl showed a trial "strike" of the bark cloth money (tapa).

Our speaker was Saul Needleman, with the provocative topic title, "Spanish Colonial Coins: A Case of Mistaken Identity?"

Robert Leonard, Jr., reported he will give a lecture entitled "Cut Coins: Money of the American Frontier," at the American Numismatic Society in New York on April 9. ANS is located at Broadway at 155th Street in New York, NY 10032, (212) 234-3130.

Exhibits were given by Charles Ricard (1978 national medal in silver by Frank Gasparro--Valley Forge), Mark Wieclaw (Canadian blacksmith token, set of five casino chips from the James Bond movie "A View to a Kill), Robert Leonard, Jr. (a set of three blueberry picker tokens from Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, with article about them in *TAMS Journal* February 1973, *The Numismatist* article about

Our 903rd Meeting

DATE: Saturday, April 16, 1994

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Sheraton Chicago Hotel, 301 E. North Water Street, Chicago

PROGRAM: Stuart D Sears on *Chaos or Confusion: A Look at Early Muslin Coinage*

GIVE AWAY: Pacific Island Bark Cloth Money Souvenir

LATER: Reception at 5:00, Banquet at 6:30

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the Yoachum dollar, announcement of Stack memorial lecture), David Simpson (Bahamas 1966 unc. set, *Collectors News* article he wrote), Robert W. Feller (spoon made from 1916 Colombian 50 centavos, buffalo nickel, Confederate bank note, two obsolete bank notes), Harry Flower (a pile of coins from the bombing of Dresden Germany 2/13/45, also three postcards of Dresden), and Carl Wolf (two Lincoln medals by J. Henry Ripstra, one Columbian Expo medal).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Stubbs, Secretary Treasurer

Birthdays and Years Joined

May 2	Donn Pearlman	Since 1979
May 3	Roy R. Grundy	Since 1981
May 8	Stanley Kruswicki	Before 1960
May 10	Martin Vink	Before 1960
May 15	Jay M. Galst, M.D.	Since 1991
May 17	Shirley Valenziano	Since 1984
May 23	Robert Weinstein, Jr.	Since 1991
May 25	John G. Ross	Before 1960

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Late Donor Listing

Donald Doswell became a 75th anniversary sponsor at the Patron level in December, 1993. However, his name was inadvertently omitted from the lists of sponsors in the January, February and March *Chatters*. We apologize for the oversight.

Anniversary News

The Big Day is Almost Here!

Saturday, April 16, 1994, will be an important date in the CCC's 75-year history, with an anniversary banquet and other events. All events will take place at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 E. North Water Street, Chicago, in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF).

At **1:00 p.m.**, the club will hold Part One of its 903rd meeting. As usual at the CICF, we will have an excellent speaker. This year it is Stuart D. Sears on *Chaos or Confusion: A Look at Early Muslin Transitional Coinage*. Also, as has been the tradition in recent years, all persons attending will receive a souvenir of odd and curious money. This year it is Pacific Island bark cloth money.

At **5:00 p.m.** the club will sponsor a reception with a cash bar, and hors d'oeuvres compliments of *World Coin News*.

The gala 75th anniversary banquet (and continuation of our 903rd meeting) commences at **6:30 p.m.** The guest speaker will be David L. Ganz, president, American Numismatic Association. Previous CCC presidents and outside dignitaries will be present. Pre-ordered tickets may be picked up at the door. There will be no ticket sales on the day of the banquet.

Also on Saturday, **club plaquettes** will be available for pickup. The anniversary **videotape** will hopefully be completed by this point.

Finally, the club will have a **table** at the CICF on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. If you want to help at the table or during one of the Saturday events, please contact a CCC officer.

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Editor's Trial Strike

I am sorry to report that three long-time members have passed away recently. Philip J. More, a former club president, passed away in March. Pearl Kopicki, who had the second lowest club membership number (303), passed away in April. Minnie Marshfield, who was active for many years, passed away last August.

Thanks to Carl Wolf for preparing the obituaries that are included in this newsletter.

May Meeting Minutes

The 904th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Andrew Michyeta at 7:35 p.m., May 11 at 2 North Riverside Plaza. The minutes were approved as printed. The *Chatter* editor was instructed to add the meeting room number to future editions. One guest, Paul Johnson, was present and introduced.

Robert Leonard, Jr., reported four hard cover and 18 soft cover books were sold at CICF. Three more were sold at a Medieval Studies conference.

Articles on display showed the publicity received from *Coin World* (May 9 issue), and *Numismatic News* (May 3 issue), about our 75th anniversary.

Inventory: Carl Wolf reported that Brian Stubbs has an accurate count of Janus Medal sales and past CICF giveaways.

New member application readings: Mr. Robert Feiler and Mrs. Rita Miller had their second readings, and have been accepted as new members. Mr. Paul Johnson received his first reading.

Two letters were read by Mr. Michyeta concerning the beauty of the plaquettes. The bronze plaquettes were shipped. Those ordering a silver or gold have not received their orders since the mint has not yet received the planchets.

The membership authorized the purchase of two silver plaquettes to make up for a shortage due to customer orders. The motion passed with a majority.

A motion was introduced to pay the Illinois sales tax due for our 75th anniversary banquet at the Sheraton. It appears the state sales tax must be paid even if we are a not-for-profit organization.

Anniversary pictures: Mark Wieclaw stated that pictures of the banquet can be purchased. These are $1.00 for standard size and $3.00 for 5- x 7-in black and white pictures.

Next giveaway: Box Thalers? Carl Wolf and Robert Feiler introduced this idea to the membership.

All members stood for a moment of silence for three members who are deceased: Minnie Marshfield #810, Pearl Kopicki #303, and Philip More #518.

A motion was introduced to donate to the ANA library $5.00 per name with a minimum of $25 for 1993 for all deceased members. The motion passed.

The main speaker had to cancel, but there were nine exhibitors. These were Bob Weinstein (coins of Saxony and Gelderland), Harry X Boosel (money replicas), Fred White (gaming token), Robert Feiler (coins of Scotland, Bolivia, Britain, France, obsolete

Our 904th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, June 8, 1994

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 2 North Riverside Plaza, Chicago (a building connected to Northwestern Station), Room 2315

PROGRAM: Robert Weinstein, Jr.: Ancient Chinese Numismatics

Bring cash!

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notes, scrip, shredded currency), Mike Metras (coins of new Russian Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Moldavia, Estonia, and early Russia), Harry Flower (stationery made from U.S. macerated currency), Robert Leonard (Lithuanian coins 1661-1991), Frank Zaylik (36 Russian coins), Mark Wieclaw (*Roman Coins and Their Values* books).

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Birthdays and Years Joined

July 4	Chester Poderski	Before 1960
July 13	Gerard Anaszewicz	Since 1981
July 19	Richard Hamilton	Since 1986
July 27	David Simpson	Since 1980

Missed your birthday? I apologize. I will have a current list of birthdays one of these days.

Pearl Kopicki

Pearl Kopicki, member 303, passed away April 26, 1994. She was 88 years of age and had been in failing health for several years.

Mrs. Kopicki was the widow of I.T. Kopicki, a past-president of the Chicago Coin Club and the Central States Numismatic Society. She joined in March, 1937, and attended many numismatic gatherings with her husband. She maintained her membership and kept in touch with numismatic friends even after he passed away. The last meeting Mrs. Kopicki attended was the club's 800th meeting banquet, September, 1985.

She was employed for 40 years by the Western Electric Company and worked as an usher at the Shubert Theatre for 12 years.

She was buried in Resurrection Cemetery and Mausoleum, Justice, IL, and is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Philip J. More

Philip More, member 518, passed away at his home in Chattanooga, TN, on March 20, 1994. He had been in failing health since November. He was 82 years of age.

Mr. More joined the Chicago Coin Club in November 1949, and was an active member for many years before moving to Chattanooga. He was the photographer of many of the original slide sets for the American Numismatic Association and he served as the general chairman of a Central States Numismatic Society Convention held in Chicago. He served as club president (1965-66), president of the Central States Numismatic Society (1966-68), and was the recipient of both organizations' Medal of Merit (1960 and 1968).

A collector and scholar of primitive money and its related field of odd and curious, Mr. More served as a consultant to museums, authenticating items in their collections and traveling the world in search of pieces to add to their collections.

Mr. More is survived by his son, Michael, his daughter, Andrea, and eight grandchildren.

Minnie Marshfield

Minnie Marshfield, member 810, passed away August 15, 1993. She was 90 years of age.

Minnie, with her husband, Jules, were active club members for many years. On many Sundays, both could be found manning a table at the Leaning Tower YMCA Bourse. Their outgoing and easy-going personalities made them natural to serve on the hospitality committee at Chicago's 1966 American Numismatic Association Convention.

She is survived by her husband, Jules, a resident of Buckingham Pavilion, Chicago; her son, Bernie; and two grandchildren.

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Editor's Trial Strike

The American Numismatic Association Convention, as most of us know, will be in Detroit the last weekend of this month. While this location doesn't compare to the convenience of having it in Rosemont, there is one big advantage -- the amount of work involved for the club members is quite a bit less than if we were sponsoring it.

Hopefully, many of our members will make it to Detroit. I've attended a number of business shows there, and the facilities are fine, even if the city has a (probably deserved) bad reputation.

If you haven't done so, make your arrangements now. You might consider traveling and staying with another club member, and splitting expenses. I might add that if the prices or reputation of Detroit scare you, stay in Windsor, Canada. The last time I was there (about 4 years ago) the prices were lower, the ambiance almost civilized, and there was an acceptable bus schedule through the tunnel to Detroit. No passports needed.

June Meeting Minutes

The 905th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Andrew Michyeta at 7:30 p.m., June 8 at 2 North Riverside Plaza. There was a second membership application reading for Paul Kenneth Johnson, and he was accepted into membership.

Robert Leonard reported on our book inventory. As of June 8, we had 94 soft-covered books left.

Carl Wolf reported that all plaquettes have been shipped except for #161, 162, and 163, which will go to The Art Institute, Chicago Historical Society, and American Numismatic Society respectively. A complete banquet report will be filed next meeting. Also, not much progress has been made on the video project.

The American Numismatic Association would like for the CCC to write WFMT-FM's Norm Pellegrini to sponsor the program, "Money Talks." The membership suggested that the address and other pertinent information be placed in the Chatter.

Chester Poderski reported that the club library cases were hand made in 1960 by past member, now deceased, Philip J. More. Our cases have a capacity of 300 books. The entire collection was donated to Roosevelt University. As members we are to have access to the University Library.

Our speaker for the evening was Robert J. Weinstein, and his subject was "Ancient Chinese Numismatics." If you were not in attendance you really missed an exceptional presentation!

Exhibits: Charles Ricard (45 pieces of Chinese brass cash from 25 AD to 1909 AD), Mark Wieclaw (six Russian Siberian coins), Harry Flower (set of nine commemorative coins from San Marino featuring scientists of the world. The 500 lire coin features Albert Einstein), Mike Metras (Biafra 1 pound note), Harry X Boosel (two original post cards

Our 906th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, July 13, 1994

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 2 North Riverside Plaza, Chicago (a building connected to Northwestern Station), Room 2315

PROGRAM: Brian Stubbs on Bank Notes of Africa

Bring your African numismatic items!

Officers

Our officers are Andrew Michyeta III, president; Steven Zitowsky, first vice president; and Mark Wieclaw, second vice president. Directors are Richard Hamilton, Charles Ricard, Robert Weinstein, Jr., and Robert Leonard, Jr.

Other positions are held by Brian Stubbs (secretary/ treasurer), David Simpson (Chatter editor), Joe Tomasko (archivist), and Carl Wolf (75th anniversary committee chair).

circa 1873 and play money --80 bills and 40 coins), Robert Leonard (two cowrie shells recovered from Chou dynasty graves, circa 1000-256 BC, stock certificate of Chase Manhattan Bank), Michael Brodsky (Maori spear money, ax money from New Guinea), Bob Feiler (1840 5 franc two-blade coin knife, 1878 5 franc trade dollar, 1885 Mexico 8 real box thaler, 1831 5 franc box thaler), Chester Poderski (1960 Numismatist picture showing Phil More presenting the new library bookcase to librarian Chester Poderski).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Stubbs, Secretary-Treasurer

Russian Numismatist Recruited

CCC member David Simpson has recently taken a recruiting trip to Russia, with the goal of signing a promising numismatist for the Chicago league. In this he was successful, as he inked an agreement for Igor Andreevich (now Andrew Thomas Simpson). The signing took place in Volgagrad (formerly Stalingrad) on May 25.

Andrew, who just turned 2 years old, is reportedly very good at repeatedly pulling coins out of display cabinets and then replacing them. "With the kind of skill and concentration he is demonstrating at his age, I am sure he has a great future in Chicago numismatics," enthused new father Simpson.

Birthdays and Years Joined

August 2	William Swoger	Since 1984
August 15	Steven R. Rodin	Since 1991
August 17	Harry X Boosel	Since 1930s
August 19	Carl Wolf	Since 1979
August 20	Melvyn Frear	Since 1989
August 23	Thomas Michell	Since 1981
August 26	Donald Doswell	Since 1960
August 26	Tom DeLorey	Since 1984
August 31	Clarence Wills	Before 1960

WFMT-FM Letter

Enclosed with your Chatter is a copy of a letter and information from James Taylor, director of education and producer of "Money Talks" for the American Numismatic Association. He is asking that you contact WFMT-FM, which is considering running "Money Talks," a program about numismatics.

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Editor's Trial Strike

Due to the relative proximity of the 1994 ANA Convention (Detroit), a number of members attended. In addition to a featured speaker, our August meeting will probably include exhibits and news of the convention. With luck, our members will have picked up an award or two, or better yet, found those exotic numismatic items they have long been searching for.

Found out what's new, attend in August!

July Meeting Minutes

The 906th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called order by President Andrew Michyeta at 7:35 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no corrections by the membership.

The treasurer's report was read and approved by the membership.

Committee Reports: *Books*, Robert Leonard, Jr., reports only 93 soft-cover books in inventory. The Rochester club ordered one soft cover book from Charles Ricard. *Literary*, no papers were received by Brian Stubbs or Saul Needleman. Robert Leonard, Jr., would like to submit the write up about the bark cloth money. *75th Anniversary Committee*, Carl Wolf presented his final report.

The *Chatter* editor will depart in December. We are looking for a new editor!

The speaker was Brian Stubbs, who presented a slide show on current African currency.

Exhibitors were Carl Wolf (three die struck medals: Iowa State University, USS Theodore Roosevelt, Cedar Rapids Coin Club; four cast medals: Nebraska State Patrol, Minnesota DNR Enforcement, Rocky Flats Nuclear Power Plant, and Sonoma County Geyser Peak; and one plastic card "good for one cookie"), Charles Ricard (1993 Rochester Numismatic Association 81st President Medal), Harry Flower (New Zealand coins and Polynesian god Tiki), Robert Leonard, Jr., two Hmong silver neck rings from Hoa Binh Province, Vietnam C. 1915 [used in bride price--made from Indochina trade dollars]; literature concerning the Hmong tribes; set of Vietnam coins 1953-1976), Mark Wieclaw (German coal money 1950, 1920 Wilson dollar [bronze] medal for Manila mint), Fred White (coins of Island of Palau).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Stubbs, Secretary-Treasurer

Our 907th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, August 10, 1994

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 2 North Riverside Plaza, Chicago (a building connected to Northwestern Station), Room 2315

PROGRAM: Mike Metras on *Coins and Pictures of Axum*

It's another African numismatic presentation!

Officers

Our officers are Andrew Michyeta III, president; Steven Zitowsky, first vice president; and Mark Wieclaw, second vice president. Directors are Richard Hamilton, Charles Ricard, Robert Weinstein, Jr., and Robert Leonard, Jr.

Other positions are held by Brian Stubbs (secretary/ treasurer), David Simpson (Chatter editor), and Joe Tomasko (archivist).

Financial Report

Carl Wolf, chairman of the 75th Anniversary Committee, has submitted the following financial report. The report is unaudited and still has some minor expenses outstanding, such as film developing, photo album for archives, shipping and insurance for medals shipped to museums, etc.

PROJECT	INCOME	EXPENSE
Discoverers Medal....	$9,825	$10,368
Freight, Insurance....	470	667
Printing, Invitations, Program....		891
Banquet Dinner....	3,880	3,732
Donations....	3,620	
Banquet Sales Tax*....		300
Silver Medal Repurchase*....		700
TOTAL	$17,795	$16,658

*Unplanned and unbudgeted expense

The $1,000 surplus was achieved even though we had $1,000 in unexpected expenses for the following reasons: the budget had been calculated on producing 100 bronze medals (we sold 165), the budget called for $400 in advertising (none was spent because press release coverage was so good), and general donations (patrons, benefactors....) exceed expectations.

Birthdays and Years Joined

Aug. 2	William Swoger	Since 1984
Aug. 15	Steven Rodin	Since 1991
Aug. 17	Harry X Boosel	Since 1930s
Aug. 19	Carl Wolf	Since 1979
Aug. 20	Melvyn Frear	Since 1989
Aug. 23	Thomas Michell	Since 1981
Aug. 26	Tom DeLorey	Since 1984
Aug. 26	Donald Doswell	Since 1960
Aug 31	Clarence Wills	Before 1960

Plaquette Specifications

Carl Wolf, 75th Anniversary Committee chairman, has reported these weight and thickness specifications for the anniversary plaquettes:

Bronze medals weight is 5.6 troy ounces, 112 pennyweight (DWT). Thickness measured at the monument base is .194 inches. Figures for the silver medal are 7.6 troy ounces and 152 DWT, while thickness is .215. The gold plaquette weighs 8.2 troy ounces, or 164 DWT. Its thickness is .210.

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Editor's Trial Strike

Last month saw the sudden passing of Harry X Boosel, a giant in numismatics and one of the central figures in our club for many years. He will be sorely missed.

Harry was a member for 60 of the club's 75 years. From my paltry 14 years with the club I will remember his exhibits focusing on the year or number *1873*. I also will remember him participating in the club in other ways, such as in making banquet arrangements. Before my time he served as club president and in other positions, and won various awards. For more details, see the obituary printed in this issue.

I also saw him as a living connection to the club's history, able to relate tales from "the good old days," and helping to maintain a sense of continuity in the club. In addition, because of his fame in the broader numismatic community, I guess I saw him as a somewhat larger-than-life figure. And, by his active participation in the CCC, he lent some of his prestige to the club.

Thanks for being with us over the years, Harry.

August Meeting Minutes

The 907th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:37 p.m., August 10, 1994, by President Andrew Michyeta. Thirty members were in attendance and three guests were present. Mr. Michyeta asked if there were any additions or corrections to last month's minutes. Robert Leonard, Jr., seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Brian Stubbs read the treasurer's report. A motion was introduced to approve, it was seconded, and approved by the membership. President Michyeta reported that his 26th wedding anniversary was also tonight.

Committee reports: Book, Robert Leonard, Jr., reported that a free ad was placed in *Coin World*. He also reports a balance of 88 books. One book was sold by Charles Ricard to the Rochester Coin Club. Anniversary, Carl Wolf presented the club with the #1 copy of the Fraser plaquette for the club archives. Literary, Saul Needleman reported papers were submitted by Paul Johnson and Mike Metras. Archivist Joe Tomasko reports selling $12 worth of 600th meeting tokens.

The American Numismatic Society's Arlene Jacobs discussed with Andrew Michyeta and Robert Leonard, Jr., the possibility of sponsoring a seminar in the Chicago area. William Burd received the Numismatic Literary Guild Award at the July ANA Convention in Detroit for Best Article in a Club Magazine for "1894 S Dime," which was printed in the February 1994 issue of *The Numismatist.*

Exhibits: Charles Ricard (1806 Napoleon Medal -- Battle of Jena, Token and Medal Society Past Presidents -- Charles Ricard in gold, silver, bronze, and copper); Mark Wieclaw (two wrong planchet strikes [US-Philippines], Greek imperial bronze [Caracalla and Geta]); Andrew Michyeta (medal from the Nuremberg mint by Loos, religious medal); Harry

Our 908th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, September 14, 1994

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 2 North Riverside Plaza, Chicago (a building connected to Northwestern Station), Room 2315

PROGRAM: Mark Wieclaw, "Match the Experts" with slabbed coin grading

(Harry X Boosel was originally scheduled to speak on coins of Haiti)

Officers

Our officers are Andrew Michyeta III, president; Steven Zitowsky, first vice president; and Mark Wieclaw, second vice president. Directors are Richard Hamilton, Charles Ricard, Robert Weinstein, Jr., and Robert Leonard, Jr.

Other positions are held by Brian Stubbs (secretary/ treasurer), David Simpson (Chatter editor), and Joe Tomasko (archivist).

Flower (ashtray from Mexican coins, set of six US coins counterstamped "Aloha Money," nail clipper made with India [British-rule] one rupee coin [1942-45], encased US one cent 1994 from ANA convention, Albert Einstein token make into memorial card); Harry X Boosel (ANA convention material, ANA Presidents' Award); Phil Carrigan (William Jay abolitionist medal); Brian Stubbs (South African five rand proof presidential inauguration coin for Nelson Mandela); Robert Leonard, Jr. (two coins of Axum, 330-690 AD, book *The Treasure of the Copper Scroll* by John Allegro, article "Where the Temple Tax was Buried" by Manfred Lehmann, plus two shekels of Tyre 103 BC-15 AD which may have formed part of the temple treasure); Bob Feiler (humorous item "Sleep on Your Savings", five peseta Spanish coin knife with scissors, Bill Clinton $3 political ephemera, ancient coin copies, with Roman ring money).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Secretary/Treasurer

Birthdays and Years Joined

Sept. 1	Fred K. White	Since 1991
Sept. 2	John Wilson	Since 1984
Sept. 7	James McMenamin	Since 1975
Sept. 9	William Pettit	Since 1967
Sept. 11	Miss Leah Klein	Since 1969
Sept. 16	Richard Sheppard	Since 1977
Sept. 18	Michael Dolnick	Since 1952
Sept. 24	Michael Pesha	Since 1979
Sept. 25	Saul Needleman	Since 1992
October	Rita Miller	Since 1994
October 12	Frank Zaylik	Before 1960
October 13	Bernard Schwartz	Since 1986
October 14	Marcella Sheldon	Since 1946
October 14	Joel Reznick	Since 1981
October 16	Harry Flower	Before 1960
October 17	Margo Russell	Before 1960
October 19	Phyllis Eisenberg	Since 1968

Harry X Boosel

Harry X Boosel passed away Thursday, August 18, one day after his 82nd birthday. He was in his lawyer's office and at the moment his heart failed, they were discussing his favorite topic, the coinage of 1873.

Boosel was in good health and had just returned from the American Numismatic Association Annual Convention in Detroit, where he was honored for his 60th year of membership (Life Member 77, Regular Member 4343). He attended the August 10th club meeting and exhibited a number of souvenirs from the convention.

Harry X Boosel (member 239) was our most senior member, joining the club March 7, 1934, at the 180th meeting. He was a past-president (1951-52), was the recipient of the club's highest Literary Award (1972), the Cabeen Exhibit Award (1975), and the club's Medal of Merit (1962).

His specialty was the Coinage Act of 1873 and the resulting coins. After researching this important era in US numismatic history, he published his findings in *Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine*, in a series of articles from March 1957 through December 1958. Several years later he issued a revised edition in booklet form, titled "1873-1873."

In 1972 he put his famous collection of 1873 coins up for auction. Afterwards he set about collecting international coins, tokens, medals, and various memorabilia, all with the 1873 theme. In the fall of 1985 he donated to the Museum of the ANA a rare commemorative medal dated 1873 inaugurating a Morgan and Orr coining press. The donation was significant because the ANA displays the same coining press at the entrance to its headquarters.

He never quit collecting 1873 material and even purchased several items at the recent ANA convention. In September he was slated to be the club's featured speaker. His topic was "The Coins of Haiti," and there wasn't a doubt that "1873" would be worked into his presentation.

Boosel was employed by the US government for 36 years. He started as a file clerk in 1936 and rose to chief of the Office of Industrial Security for the Defense Supply Agency. During World War II, he was in the US Army and stationed in Europe. He

served in the Counter-Intelligence Corps and the Office of Strategic Services. He stayed in touch with friends made in the Corps and every Tuesday attended a luncheon at the Bismarck Hotel in downtown Chicago.

When living in Washington during the 1930s, Boosel began to make his presence felt in the numismatic community. He wrote a column, "Capital Comment," that regularly appeared in the pages of *Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine*. He kept collectors informed on commemorative coin developments and wrote scathing reports on the marketing abuses that helped to put an end to the money-making racket these special coins had become.

Any list of Boosel's numismatic accomplishments and awards is almost certain to be incomplete. He was a past-president of the Washington Numismatic Society. He was a charter member of the Central States Numismatic Society, served as its president (1958-60), served on its Board of Governors, and was the recipient of its Medal of Merit (1963).

He was the youngest person ever to be elected an ANA governor (1937-39, 1981-89), was the only person to serve as chairman of two annual conventions (Washington, DC, in 1937 and Chicago in 1966), was appointed chairman of National Coin Week (1950), and served on numerous committees. He was the recipient of several honorable mentions for articles published in *The Numismatist*, was the honorary chairman of the ANA Centennial Convention in Chicago (1991), was awarded the Association's Medal of Merit (1986), and had bestowed on him ANA's highest honor, the Ferran Zerbe Memorial Award (1989). His most recent award came at the recently held Detroit Convention; he and his wife, Tillie, were presented with the Presidential Award.

Boosel attended nearly every ANA convention over the past 60 years. He missed several during World War II and on his annual convention pin the attendance bars of those years were upside down. His pin with its many bars was so long, he had to carry it in a roll inside his sport coat pocket. When asked, he enjoyed taking it out and letting it drape to the floor!

In addition, Boosel was elected a Fellow of the American Numismatic Society (1987), received Krause Publication's Numismatic Ambassador Award (1988), was appointed by President Johnson to the US Assay Commission (1964), uncovered and catalogued the Kaufman Collection that had been long hidden and forgotten in the vaults of a Marquette, MI, bank (1978), was a contributor to numerous books, including the *Red Book*, and Walter Breen's *Complete Encyclopedia of US and Colonial Coins*, and in 1942 he was listed in "Ripley's Believe It or Not!" for being able to "name all the states and presidents in one breath" and in less than 25 seconds!

Starting in the 1950s, Boosel became a strong advocate of our government issuing a 2 1/2-cent coin. His feelings were so strong on this subject, that in the fall of 1970 he issued a personal token in brass and aluminum urging interested persons to write their congressmen citing the need for such a coin.

Boosel was a member of the Token and Medal Society, Numismatic Literary Guild, Florida United Numismatists, Old Timer Assay Commissioners Society, the 1891 Club, and many more.

Almost 20 members attended the funeral service August 22 at the Piser-Weinstein Menorah Chapel, Chicago. Reflecting the high esteem the ANA held for Boosel, it sent representatives: ANA Governor Nancy Wilson and her husband, John, of Milwaukee; ANA Legal Counsel and Past-President George Hatie of Detroit; and former ANA Governor Donn Pearlman of Chicago. Burial was at the Westlawn Cemetery in Norridge, IL.

Boosel is survived by his wife of 43 years, Tillie; his children: Nanci and Charles Judge, St. Louis, Wayne and Bonnie Boosel, Chicago; three grandchildren: Clayton and Lyndsay Judge and Wendy Boosel; and two sisters.

In eulogizing her father-in-law, Bonnie Boosel best summed up the feelings of many CCC members. She spoke of how she was told the "X" for a middle name really had no special meaning. She, however, felt that it stood for a man who was "Xtraordinary" in every way!

Goodbye Harry! There will never by another "Mr. 1873." You will be missed.

(Submitted by Carl Wolf, 312/454-9696)

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Editor's Trial Strike

Is it really October already? It seems like the year has passed in a whirl. The 900th meeting, the 75th anniversary banquet, the plaquette, the ANA convention, and the passing of Harry X Boosel are some of the major events that have zipped past.

This is not to say the CCC has nothing to look forward to the rest of the year. At the end of the year we will have the election of new officers to serve two-year terms. Also, we still have three meetings, including a member-benefit auction and what is usually the highlight of a normal year, the banquet. I hope to see you at one or more of these meetings, if they don't pass before I notice them!

September Meeting Minutes

The 908th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m., September 14, 1994, by President Andrew Michyeta. Guests were Paul Hybert, who applied for membership, and Mark Whaley. All members and guests stood as the president asked for a moment of silence for deceased member Harry X Boosel.

The speaker and his topic (Mike Metras on the coinage of Axum) were inadvertently omitted from last month's minutes.

Committee Reports: Nominating, Charles Ricard, Richard Hamilton, Brian Stubbs, and another member to be named later are to select a slate of officers for the next 2 years. Rear Admiral O.H. Dodson, former three-term ANA President, informed the CCC by letter to please drop him from the membership ranks. The secretary wrote a letter sadly acknowledging this and asked all members in attendance to please sign.

New Business: 1.) The banquet chairman for the Christmas dinner will be Carl Wolf. 2.) For the member benefit auction in October, please start to compile your list now and mail it in or bring it to the next meeting. Chester Poderski has volunteered to be auctioneer. 3.) New ANS President Mr. Dodson would like to see a spring '96 presentation a few days before the CICF. Andrew Michyeta will get together a committee for this proposed event. 4.) Cabeen Award Committee will be Mark Wieclaw, Brian Stubbs, and William Burd.

The speaker was Mark Wieclaw, on slabbed coins and grading. He brought a 1931-D Lincoln cent, an 1892 V nickel, a 1940 Mercury dime, a 1903-O Morgan dollar, and an 1894-O $10 gold. A prize will be awarded at the next meeting to the person who graded the highest number of coins correctly.

Exhibitors were Charles Ricard (Napoleonic souvenir medal), Mike Metras (ANA World Mint Passport), Mark Wieclaw (ANA-TEC convention badge, two Roman denari), Andrew Michyeta (book--*The Multiple Dirhem of Medieval Afghanistan*), Chester Poderski (explanation of German silver), and Robert Feiler (Illinois and Michigan Canal $2.50 notes, coin belt, 1505 4 Maravebis of Santo Domingo, 1807 box thaler).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Secretary/Treasurer

Our 909th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, October 12, 1994

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 2 North Riverside Plaza, Chicago (a building connected to Northwestern Station), Room 2315

PROGRAM: To be announced

You can bring in your list of coins for November member benefit auction.

Officers

Our officers are Andrew Michyeta III, president; Steven Zitowsky, first vice president; and Mark Wieclaw, second vice president. Directors are Richard Hamilton, Charles Ricard, Robert Weinstein, Jr., and Robert Leonard, Jr.

Other positions are held by Brian Stubbs (secretary/ treasurer), David Simpson (Chatter editor), and Joe Tomasko (archivist).

Birthdays and Years Joined

Nov. 5	Phyllis Johnson	Since 1987
Nov. 8	Brian Andrew Heil	Since 1981
Nov. 9	Tom Ryan	Since 1960
Nov. 11	J. Vincent Swift	Since 1991
Nov. 19	Richard Peterson	Since 1962
Nov. 24	Jeffrey Bernberg	Since 1975
Nov. 27	Robert Feiler	Since 1994

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August 2, 1994

Mr. Brian Stubbs
Chicago Coin Club
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Dear Mr. Stubbs:

I write to thank you for your letter of July 28th and the enclosed medal based on "The Discoverers." It is a handsome tribute to one of Chicago's most moving public sculptures. We are delighted to acknowledge the receipt of this plaque and thank you for your generosity.

Yours sincerely,

James N. Wood
Director and President

CHATTER

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Editor's Trial Strike

Computers are marvelous tools. I am thinking of that as I work on this issue of the *Chatter*. My computer makes the issue look better than it would have had I used the old technique of typing and pasting up. Just as important, it certainly saves time.

However, there is one thing computers cannot do: supply the information for this issue. For that I depend largely on you, the CCC members. To be honest, I do not have the time or inclination to chase down stories or news items every month. In most cases, you are going to have to come to me if you have or know of something worthy of inclusion in the *Chatter*. I suspect the same will apply when a new editor takes over in the new year.

So, if you see a news item in the numismatic press that you think members should know about, send it in. If you have news about yourself (like winning a numismatic award or becoming seriously ill) let the editor know. If you think the club should or should not be doing something, write an editorial (preferably signed). And, if you think the *Chatter* needs improvement -- don't let me know! Tell Bill Burd, who will be taking over in January.

October Meeting Minutes

The 909th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order October 12 by President Drew Michyeta. The minutes of the September meeting were corrected to refer to the auction taking place in November, not October. Paul Hybert's membership application received a second reading, and he was accepted.

Committee reports. *Literary*: Saul Needleman stated that October is the last month for submitting papers. *Cabeen Award:* Mark Wieclaw stated that Brian Stubbs and Bill Burd will help validate the points for the award. *Banquet*: Carl Wolf discussed our banquet plans with various downtown Chicago hotels and restaurants. The most reasonable will be the Executive House. The room is on the seventh floor with a north view of the city. A motion was entered to hold the banquet at the Executive House. After being seconded by Mark Wieclaw, the motion was passed. *Nominations*: Charles Ricard presented the slate as drawn up by the committee: Brian Stubbs, Bob Leonard, Richard Hamilton, and himself. President Michyeta called for additional nominations from the floor. None were entered by members present. *Banking*: Richard Hamilton found that NBD Bank offered the highest rate -- 5.13 for a nine month CD. It was suggested that we purchase three and straddle the purchase date by a month for each. A motion was introduced to purchase three CDs. The motion was seconded by Carl Wolf and passed by a majority.

The American Numismatic Society (ANS) is looking to sponsor a future event in Chicago. A meeting will be held in November with CCC, Harlan J. Berk, and ANS to look into the possibility of sponsoring the event.

Our 910th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, November 9, 1994

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 2 North Riverside Plaza, Chicago (a building connected to Northwestern Station), Room 2315

PROGRAM: Member-benefit auction

It's time to spend those $2 bills and SBA dollars -- there are always bargains!

Please note: NO EXHIBITS

Officers

Our officers are Andrew Michyeta III, president; Steven Zitowsky, first vice president; and Mark Wieclaw, second vice president. Directors are Richard Hamilton, Charles Ricard, Robert Weinstein, Jr., and Robert Leonard, Jr.

Other positions are held by Brian Stubbs (secretary/ treasurer), David Simpson (Chatter editor), and Joe Tomasko (archivist).

A motion was entered on the floor that members wear their name badges and that the secretary bring badges for new members to purchase. The motion was seconded and passed by a majority.

The Illinois Numismatic Association issued a certificate to CCC for 35 years as a member.

There was no speaker tonight.

Exhibitors were Mike Metras (1993 proof set and 1994 uncirculated set of Hungary), Charlie Ricard (three American Legion badges), Harry Flower (two elongated coins, map of Michigan), Mark Wieclaw (Roman "muled" coin, Jefferson nickel error), Mark Whaley (cash coins), Bob Fieler (spoon and two knives made with coins), Carl Wolf (altered US trade dollar and two altered US silver dollars), Brian Stubbs (UK trade dollar, Ethiopian 1/4 gersh, George Washington Carver medal, Danish coin).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Stubbs, Secretary/Treasurer

Birthdays and Years Joined

Dec. 6	Allen H. Meyer	Since 1960
Dec. 6	Albert Ivan	Before 1960
Dec. 7	Brian C. Stubbs	Since 1980
Dec. 9	Howard Eisenberg	Since 1963
Dec. 17	Allen E. Schechter	Since 1984
Dec. 18	Paul K. Johnson	Since 1994
Dec. 19	Bill Grundy	Since 1980
Dec. 31	Philip J. Carrigan	Since 1989

Member-Benefit Auction

In keeping with a recent tradition, the CCC will have a member-benefit auction at the November meeting. In past years, there have been true bargains. This is also the only venue where you are likely to find CCC memorabilia.

While checks have been accepted in the past, for convenience sake, payment in cash (US coins and currency only!) is preferred. Auctioneer will be our own inimitable Chester Poderski. There will be no exhibits at this meeting.

Nominations

The Nominations Committee, headed by Charles Ricard, has issued a slate of officers. They will be voted on in December. Nominated for election are **Andrew Michyeta III** for president, **Steve Zitowsky** for first vice president, **Mark Wieclaw** for second vice president, and **Melvin Frear**, **Richard Hamilton**, **Robert Leonard, Jr.**, and **Robert Weinstein, Jr.** for governor. The committee suggested the following for non-elected posts: Brian Stubbs for secretary/ treasurer, William Burd for *Chatter* editor, and Joe Tomasko as archivist.

Our constitution stipulates "Any five members, in good standing, may, at the December meeting, file in writing with the secretary, nominations with consent to serve, for any of the elective offices. Election of officers shall be by written ballot if there is more than one nominee for any one office. All classes of members shall have the right to vote, except junior members. At the December meeting those regularly nominated and receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. They shall assume office after being installed at the next regular meeting in January."

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Editor's Trial Strike

Last month I talked to Archivist Joe Tomasko and Carl Wolf about the possibility of selling club memorabilia at the banquet. Carl says he will bring 800th meeting medals ($7.50 for bronze, $10.00 for nickel-silver), soft-cover books ($15.00), and the last three primitive money offerings--bark cloth, clam shell, and copper ax head ($5.00 each). You may purchase them at the December meeting.

Joe told me there are 30 or so duplicate club bulletins going back to the late 1940s. However, since they are in the archives, it would be best to get the club's formal approval to sell them. If you are interested in having them sold (perhaps at a club auction), I would suggest you bring the matter up at an upcoming CCC meeting, so it can be discussed.

A reminder: if you have not called Carl Wolf with your banquet reservations, please do so at once! Price is $27.00 a person, with choice of chicken breast or white fish. Carl's number is 312/454-9696.

Happy holidays!

November Meeting Minutes

The 910th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m. November 9 by Second Vice President Mark Wieclaw. The October meeting minutes were read by the secretary. They passed by a majority. The treasurer presented the treasurer's report for the month. A motion was entered to accept the report as presented. It passed by a majority.

Committee Reports. *Medal of Merit:* Carl Wolf said he will, at the banquet, present the names of two people nominated. *Banquet:* Carl Wolf reports that cocktails will start at 6:00 p.m., canapés at 6:20, and dinner will be served at 7:00. Our banquet will be held at the Executive Plaza Hotel. The cost of the dinner will be $27. Liquor will be paid for by each person requesting a drink.

New Business. Bob Feiler handed out to each member his proposal for an odd and curious piece for giveaway at the CICF convention next spring. Bob outlined a piece of Chinese knife money. Robert Leonard, Jr., proposed a piece from Africa, i.e. a manilla. A committee with Bob Feiler, Carl Wolf, Robert Leonard, Jr., and Bob Weinstein, Jr., will look into the cost of producing the CICF giveaway.

There was no speaker or show and tell due to the member benefit auction.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Secretary/Treasurer

Our 911th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, December 14, 1994

TIME: 6:00 cocktails, 7:00 dinner

PLACE: Executive Plaza Hotel, 71 East Wacker Drive, seventh floor

Please note: NO EXHIBITS

PROGRAM: Election of officers and presentation of awards. Cocktail hour will feature a cash bar, and club-sponsored canapés. Dinner and meeting will follow. Reservations required .

Officers

Our officers are Andrew Michyeta III, president; Steven Zitowsky, first vice president; and Mark Wieclaw, second vice president. Directors are Richard Hamilton, Charles Ricard, Robert Weinstein, Jr., and Robert Leonard, Jr.

Other positions are held by Brian Stubbs (secretary/ treasurer), David Simpson (Chatter editor), and Joe Tomasko (archivist).

Birthday and Year Joined

January 26 Jennie Sochon Since 1980

Happy birthday, Jennie. You seem to be the only club member with a January birthday!

Slate of Officers

Please remember that the club's officer election takes place at the December banquet. Nominated are **Andrew Michyeta III** for president, **Steve Zitowsky** for first vice president, **Mark Wieclaw** for second vice president, and **Melvin Frear**, **Richard Hamilton**, **Robert Leonard, Jr.**, and **Robert Weinstein, Jr.** for governor.

Membership Dues

Please mail your 1995 membership dues in the enclosed envelope. Alternatively, bring it to the December meeting and pay Secretary/Treasurer Brian Stubbs. Dues for most members is $10. Associate members (who do not receive this illustrious newsletter) pay $1.00. Make checks payable to "Chicago Coin Club."